



**SUMMER 2007**

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**REPORT FROM CITY HALL**

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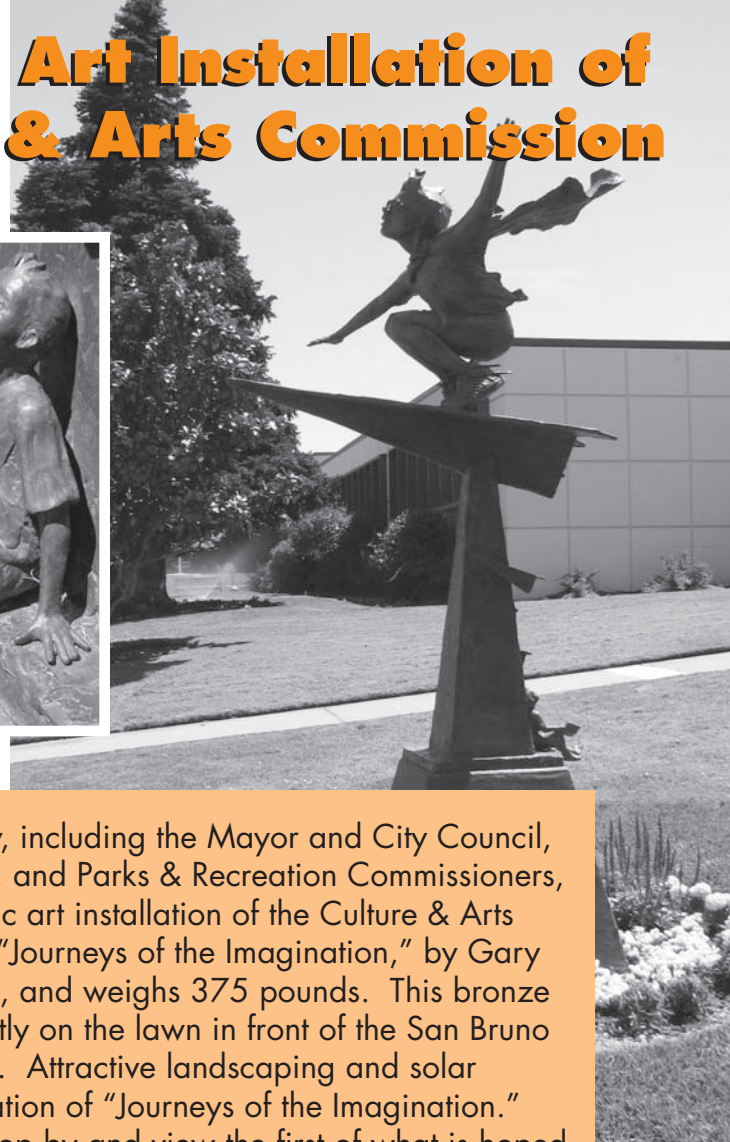
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## **First Public Art Installation of the Culture & Arts Commission**



**M**embers of the community, including the Mayor and City Council, Culture & Arts Commissioners, and Parks & Recreation Commissioners, recently unveiled the first public art installation of the Culture & Arts Commission. Their selection, "Journeys of the Imagination," by Gary Price, is 7-feet tall, 5-feet wide, and weighs 375 pounds. This bronze sculpture is featured prominently on the lawn in front of the San Bruno Library facing El Camino Real. Attractive landscaping and solar uplighting enhance the installation of "Journeys of the Imagination." The public is encouraged to stop by and view the first of what is hoped to be many future pieces of public art for our community to enjoy.

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# San Bruno Rotary Club and Fire Department Team Up to Save Lives

The San Bruno Fire Department was recently approached by the San Bruno Rotary Club and asked if there was a public service program in which the department needed assistance. Discussions on various programs ensued, and it was agreed that a very valuable benefit to the community would be the implementation of a public access Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Program in City-owned public buildings. The objective of the program would be to place portable AEDs in public locations in the community and to provide training for staff located at these locations. Some privately owned buildings already have AEDs. An example where this has occurred is at The Shops at Tanforan, in a program paid for by management at the complex.

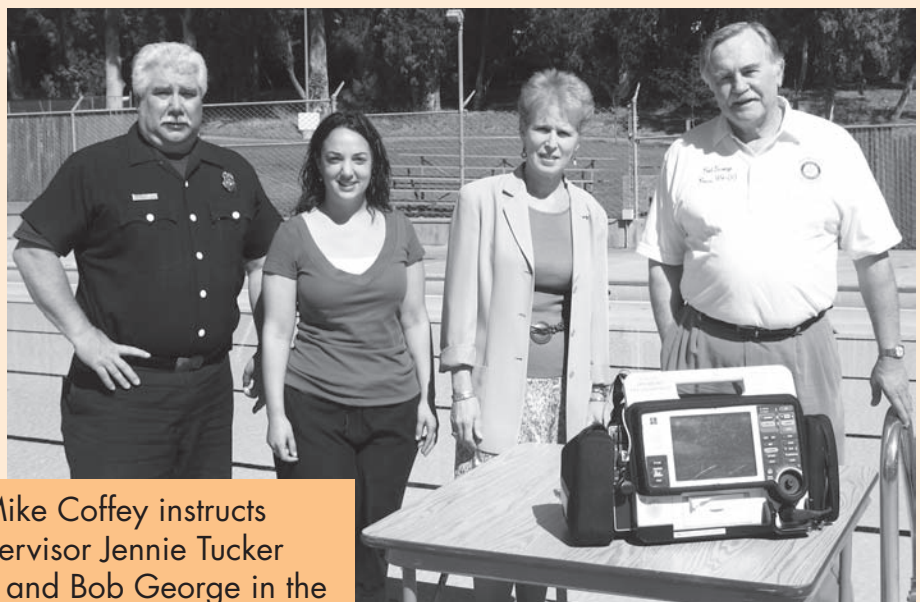
Each year in the United States, an estimated 325,000 people die from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). During SCA, heart function ceases abruptly and without warning. When this occurs, the heart is no longer able to pump blood to the rest of the body, and in 95% of victims, death occurs. The most common cause of SCA is a disturbance in the heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation.

An AED is a portable device used to administer an electric shock to the heart and restore the heart's normal rhythm during an SCA. If the heart can be shocked quickly with an AED, a normal rhythm may be restored. Numerous scientific studies conducted during the past two decades have proven that rapid defibrillation is

the single most important factor affecting survival rate from SCA in adults.

The San Bruno Rotary Club went to work on securing a grant from Rotary International for this type of community program and then generously donated matching funds, as well as additional local club funds, to begin the program. The \$4,200 donation to the City of San Bruno will result in the purchase of two AEDs, one at the Park Pool and the other at the San Bruno Senior Center. These sites were the first selected due to health and safety requirements for the operations of the pool and for coverage at a facility that is used almost daily by a large older-adult population. In addition to the purchase of the two AEDs, the funding will also provide training for City staff, completion of required San Mateo County Health Department certifications, and cabinets to place the devices.

The start of the San Bruno public access AED program in public buildings was made possible by the dedicated men and women of the San Bruno Rotary Club teaming with the San Bruno Fire Department. San Bruno is a safer and more responsive place for residents and visitors as a result of this partnership.



Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Coffey instructs Recreation Services Supervisor Jennie Tucker and Rotarians Amy Fink and Bob George in the use of the AED at the San Bruno Pool.

# Bocce, anyone?

San Bruno Senior Center has a hidden gem in the exterior of the building. A bocce court was installed in 1987 when the Center was built. The court had many years of minimal use, with one couple being its only regular patrons. The Parks Maintenance crew would give the court an occasional watering and rolling to support the limited use of the facility.

Under the guidance of Mary Tessier, Recreation Supervisor, the first bocce league was formed in the spring of 2002. Thirty-two participants played in the initial league, and that number has grown to 84 people currently. Spring, summer, and fall leagues play on the court on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

As play increased, so did the interest in the quality of the playing facility. Parks Maintenance and Senior Center staff would roll, sweep, and water on a weekly basis. The players discovered, however, that the court requires more frequent watering and rolling or the top layer of oyster shell/sand mixture blows away. The court becomes uneven and bumpy and creates a very unpredictable playing surface.

Fortunately, in 2006, one of the Senior Center participants, Don Sherer,



started to volunteer to maintain the court. Don has a construction background and has taken on maintenance of the court as his own personal project, putting in an average of 45 volunteer hours per month. The court is now maintained twice a day. Additionally, many small improvements, such as new scoreboards, side bumpers, and shading structures, have been added to the facility. Several improvements, including sunshade canopies, could be installed due to generous donations from some of the league participants and regular users.

In February of this year, a major court resurfacing project was completed with the help of volunteers: Don Sherer, Ken Kreisel, Herb Chu, Bill Goff, and Recreation Services Supervisor Mary Tessier. The volunteers spent several days meticulously grading the playing surface by hand ... the way it was done in the "Old Country." Their skills, sweat, and patience have produced a court that is now in fantastic playing condition. Leagues are in full swing with very happy bocce participants! Through the dedication and efforts of these volunteers, the Senior Center now has a bocce court that the community can be proud of.

## Monumental Improvement!!

The monument at San Bruno Avenue and San Mateo Avenue recently received a much-needed facelift! The monument, which welcomes visitors to our City, received a new coat of paint and a new set of signs that advertise the community's numerous service organizations.





# FOCUS . . . on San Bruno

The following is a list of larger development projects in the City of San Bruno, which are under construction or in the structural, planning, or conceptual review stage. Please call the Planning Division at (650) 616-7074 with additional questions.

## Treetop Apartments

Developer: AIMCO

Location: 4300 Susan Drive (Skyline Blvd & Sharp Park Road)

Description: The developer is proposing to demolish the existing 308-unit apartment complex, and build a 510-unit apartment complex in its place. The buildings will comprise 1- and 2-bedroom apartments, will be 3 stories in height, and will feature 2 parking spaces for each apartment, plus guest parking.

Status: This project was originally approved by the City Council in 2006. However, the developer recently indicated they would like to make architectural changes to the approved plans, and they intend to submit these revisions soon. The Planning Commission must review all architectural changes. Neighborhood residents will receive a public hearing notice at least 10 days before the Planning Commission meeting and can contact the Community Development Department at any point with questions.



## Skycrest Center

Developer: Kenmark Realty

Location: 100 Skycrest Center, San Bruno Avenue & Glenview Drive

Description: Demolition of existing retail "strip" center, and construction of 24 single-family homes on 2.6 acres. Lunardi's Market will remain. The homes are approximately 2,200 sq. ft. in size, with private yards, two-car garages, and driveways.

Status: The Planning Commission and City Council approved the project in September 2006. Demolition has been completed, and infrastructure improvements have begun, with construction expected to begin in the summer.



## Glenview Terrace

Developer: Panko Architects

Location: 2880 & 2890 San Bruno Avenue, San Bruno Avenue @ Glenview Drive

Description: The developer is proposing to construct 16 townhomes on a former gas station site that is currently vacant. The development will feature 3- and 4-bedroom homes, each of which will have a 2-car garage.

Status: The entire development was approved by the City Council in June 2006. City staff is currently reviewing the structural plans, and construction is expected to begin this summer.



## Paragon Apartments (The Crossing – Phase 2)

Developer: Archstone Smith

Location: The Crossing (El Camino Real @ I-380)

Description: Construction of 185-unit apartment facility, 4-story building with 2 levels of parking, one at grade and one below grade. 20% of the units will be affordable to low-income persons.

Status: Residents started to move into their new homes this spring, and the contractor is currently putting the finishing touches on the building. The building is expected to receive final approval from the City in June.



## 406 San Mateo Avenue (old Theater Site)

Description: Demolition of the old theater building and potential for mixed-use development, potentially ground-floor retail and housing above.

Status: Conceptual Discussions

# no Development Projects

## **The Village Apartments (Senior Apartments at The Crossing)**

Developer: KDF Communities

Location: The Crossing (El Camino Real @ I-380)

Description: This development entails the construction of 228 units of senior apartments, in a 4-story building with underground parking. 100% of the units will be affordable to low-income persons.

Status: Residents began to move into the building in March. Interested parties may call the Village Apartment's leasing office at (650) 588-8036 for information on available units.



## **The Crossing Parcels 3&4**

Developer: SNK Development

Location: The Crossing (El Camino Real @ I-380)

Description: 350 residential units in two buildings: Building 1 will contain 163 apartment units, and Building 2 will contain 187 condominium units. Both buildings will be 5 stories with two levels of subterranean parking.

Status: This project was approved by the Planning Commission in June 2006. Grading plans are currently under review, and construction will begin later in the summer.



## **Merimont**

Developer: SummerHill Homes

Location: Former Carl Sandburg School Site at 2936 Evergreen Drive.

Description: The developer is constructing 70 new single-family homes on the former Carl Sandburg School site. The 3- and 4-bedroom homes will be built on an average lot size of 4,000 sq. ft. The development will also feature a large open space area and a 10,000 sq. ft. park.

Status: Approved by the City Council in September 2006. The site is currently being graded, and a majority of the home construction work will begin later in the summer.



## **599 Cedar Avenue (former Church Site)**

Description: The property owner proposes to construct 14 townhomes with a new private access road on 2 acres of land. The proposed townhomes feature 3 and 4 bedrooms with a two-car garage and driveway. The homes would be accessed off of Cedar Drive, Pepper Drive, as well as a private access road that extends to the rear of the site.

Status: The plans were submitted to the Planning Division and are currently undergoing departmental and environmental review. Both the environmental document and development plan were publicly noticed and reviewed. Interested residents can view the current plans at the Community Development Department.



## **Cinemark Theaters**

Developer: Cinemark

Location: The Shops at Tanforan

Description: Construction of parking garage with a two-story movie theater above. This development, located just north of Sears, will feature a 20-screen Cinemark movie theater with nearly 4,000 seats. You will be able to access the movie theater structure directly from The Shops at Tanforan food court.

Status: This project has been approved by the Planning Commission and is currently under construction. The garage portion of the structure is complete, and construction recently began on the theater complex. It is expected to open in 2008.



## Your Opinion Counts -- *Is a New Library in Our Future?*

Were you recently called and asked to give your opinion about improvements to City services? If so, you were one of 600 registered voters who were polled to find out what facility and service improvements the citizens of San Bruno are interested in and willing to fund.

The voter opinion research was conducted by Godbe Research, which is headquartered in Half Moon Bay. The voter sample was divided into two groups of 300 each. Both groups were asked the same general questions, and then each group was asked a different set of questions to assess the voter tolerance for either a sales tax increase or a property tax increase to fund a new Library and other potential City improvements.

The Library was built in the 1950's and was designed to also serve as a bomb shelter. There is no accessibility for the disabled, elderly, and families with strollers. Space is needed for more computers so that people don't have to wait in line. More space is needed for library materials, study areas, and meeting rooms. The Library needs places to hold story times and programs for children, teens, and adults. The City Council recently visited the new libraries in Belmont and San Mateo and saw firsthand the amenities and

features of a modern library and how they were valued by the community.

The need for a new Library is a top priority for the San Bruno City Council. In late 2006, the City Council received information regarding options for building a new Library, using the present site and adjacent property to accommodate the footprint and parking. Each option also identified the associated cost. The City Council has also expressed interest in including a new City Council Chambers in the new Library. Given the significant costs of the facility, the City Council wanted to know if the voters would be willing to help pay for a new Library and what form of tax increase might be preferred by the voters.

Once the information collected has been analyzed, the City Council will have reliable data with which to move forward with a possible ballot measure to fund a new Library and/or other improvements. Focus groups may also be conducted as part of the process.

The voter research opinion poll was funded by the Edward Johnson Bequeath Fund and the San Bruno Library Foundation. No General Fund monies were used for this purpose.



### Operation Clean Sweep 2007

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Clean Sweep was a great success, with hundreds of volunteers cleaning up San Bruno. The Beautification Task Force thanks all the volunteers and the sponsors, San Bruno Garbage Company, San Bruno Auto Center, Artichoke Joe's, and San Bruno Cable Television, for their contributions. Pictured here are some of the participants, which included our local National Guard, enjoying the barbecue lunch in the Park.



# Let's Make It a Safe Fourth

The San Bruno Police and Fire Departments will continue to take a proactive approach to prevent the illegal use of fireworks in 2007. Because the use of illegal fireworks during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration during the past several years has increased, the Police and Fire Departments have worked together with the community on several initiatives designed to address the problem.

In 2006, city staff worked closely with the "Safe and Sane" fireworks industry, non-profit organizations, and the community as part of a comprehensive educational campaign. A similar campaign is currently underway which addresses the safe use of State Fire Marshal-approved fireworks and provides information on the identification of illegal fireworks. The public education campaign will include literature distributed to our residents, public service announcements on San Bruno Cable TV, and outreach to our schools. Additionally, all fireworks booth vendors will distribute flyers and post notices at their stands to educate citizens on the proper use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in our community.

Following the comprehensive education campaign last year, the Police Department took an aggressive enforcement posture when it came to the possession, use, and sales of illegal fireworks. The department increased patrols



during the weeks prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to address all fireworks-related complaints. On July 4, 2006, the department received 249 calls for service, of which 157 were fireworks-related. Of those calls, 148 were received during a five-hour period on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were 36 people arrested during the enforcement period in 2006. On July 4 alone, there were 31 people arrested. Many were charged with violations of State law resulting in felony and misdemeanor convictions, along with several administration citations being

issued for violations of our local ordinances. Nearly all of the arrests resulted in either a fine or time in jail.

The State Fire Marshal-approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks do not explode or fly in the air. When "Safe and Sane" fireworks are used in a safe location under adult supervision, they can be enjoyable to watch and safe to use. The San Bruno Fire Department advises you to stay away from buildings and to keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby. Do not use "Safe and Sane" fireworks in the street, and remember that all fireworks are prohibited in parks and on school grounds.

The City of San Bruno wants to ensure the safety of our citizens during this great national holiday. Follow the required safety precautions, and only use "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

## City of San Bruno New Business Listings for 2/1/07 through 4/30/07

These businesses have opened in San Bruno or had a change in ownership. We encourage you to visit these new businesses and shop locally, as a portion of the sales tax paid is returned to the City and used to provide City services.

Business	Business Address	Type of Business	Phone
ADIFY CORPORATION	1100 GRUNDY LN STE 300	Advertising agencies	(650)392-6206
ALBERTSON'S	1322 EL CAMINO REAL	Grocery stores	(209)577-1600
ALTERRA REALTY CORP.	1001 BAYHILL DR FL 2	Realty	(650)616-4120
AU'S KITCHEN	851 CHERRY AVE STE 6	Restaurant	(650)624-8629
BAY AREA AUTO EXCHANGE INC.	715 EL CAMINO REAL STE 207	Automobiles and other motor vehicles	(650)872-8748
BAY MORTGAGE & INVESTMENT	1200 BAYHILL DR STE 114	Mortgage and Investment	(650)827-1217
BUTTERFLY BISTRO	1150 EL CAMINO REAL STE 210	Restaurant	(650)553-5151
COUNTRY HOME LOANS INC.	1150 EL CAMINO REAL , CART #5505	Home Loans	(650)615-7081
DEDICA SYSTEMS	456 SAN MATEO AVE STE 1	Computer programming services	(408)464-2798
HANDS ON LEARNING	2800 FLEETWOOD DR	Schools & educational services	(650)583-5756
JC TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGIES LLC	715 EL CAMINO REAL STE 201	Transportation	(650)872-8885
KOOWAWA SILVER FASHION	1150 EL CAMINO REAL STE 170	Jewelry Store	(415)333-6617
LEGACY PRIME INVESTMENTS INC.	101 BAYHILL DR. STE 200	Investments	(650)616-4358
LILY TRAN, MANICURIST	851 CHERRY AVE STE 18	Beauty shops	(650)242-2360
MRS. YEN'S CANDY	1150 EL CAMINO REAL	Candy, nut, and confectionery stores	(408)564-4226
SAN BRUNO VALERO-GAS	310 SAN BRUNO AVE E	Gasoline service stations	(650)583-8793
SAN BRUNO VALERO-MINI MARKET	310 SAN BRUNO AVE E	Gas Station Mini Mart	(650)583-8793
SIT BACK AND RELAX LLC	1150 EL CAMINO REAL	Automatic massaging chairs	(603)314-1070
TAKKENS SHOES	1150 EL CAMINO REAL	Shoe stores	(805)544-3570
TECH THINK, LLC	1001 BAYHILL DR FL 2	Computer related services	(650)616-4225
VIDEO DESIGNS	459 CEDAR AVE	Family videos to CD's	(650)866-4318

# Summer Concert Series

This year's summer concert series will begin on August 3 and will be held Friday evenings at 6pm at the Rotary Pavilion in San Bruno City Park. The concerts are free to all who attend.

August 3 **Sun Kings** (*Beatles Tribute*)  
 August 10 **THE RiP TiDES**  
 (*Classic 60's/Surf Rock*)  
 August 17 **Aja Vu** (*Steely Dan*)  
 August 24 **D5** (*Classic Rock*)  
 August 31 **Big Rain**  
 (*Country Blues Crossover*)  
 September 7 **West Bay Rhythm**  
 (*Funk and Soul*)



## Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

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 Business Taxes & Licenses 616-7083  
 Cable TV 877-8889  
 City Clerk 616-7058  
 City Council 616-7060  
 City Manager 616-7056  
 Finance 616-7080  
 Fire - Business 616-7096  
 Graffiti Hotline 616-7141  
 Library 616-7078  
 Neighborhood Improvement 616-7074  
 Recreation 616-7180  
 Human Resources Division 616-7055  
 Parks 616-7195  
 Planning 616-7074  
 Police - Business 616-7100  
 Public Works/ Corp. Yard 616-7160  
 Public Works/ Engineering 616-7065  
 Senior Center 616-7150  
 Streets 616-7161  
 Utility Billing 616-7086  
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## San Bruno Library Family Summer Reading Program



1. Get a name tag.
2. Choose your books. If you are reading on your own, they should be at your reading level and something you haven't already read.
3. Fill out ONE weekly reading slip. Have an adult sign it.
4. Bring the reading slip to the Library.
5. Put it in the Reading Box.
6. If you read or have someone read to you for at least an hour and a half [just 15 minutes a day!], you will get a weekly prize.

## Weekly Events

### WILD THINGS, INC.

Wednesday, June 27 @ 3:00 PM

Get a clue about unusual animals with some close-up and personal visits.

### VOICE OF THE WOODS

Tuesday, July 3 @ 3:00 PM

Uncover the secrets of folk tales from around the world, featuring music and masks.

### CSI SAN BRUNO

Wednesday, July 11 @ 3:00 PM

Budding detectives learn how the San Bruno Police Department gets the job done.

### SWAZZLE PUPPET SHOW

Wednesday, July 18 @ 3:00 PM

Help Super Sleuths Rex and Boot find clues and solve baffling crimes.

### GARY LAPOW

Wednesday, July 25 @ 3:00 PM

Unravel the mystery and joy of music as you sing along with Gary.

### BRIAN SCOTT, MAGICIAN

Wednesday, August 1 @ 3:00 PM

How does he do it? The magic and fun never stops at Brian's Wizard Training School. Stay for the annual Ice Cream Party following the magic show!